

Fur flies at McGill Arctic seminars

by Kristina Stockwood

Last week's *Symposium on Northern Wildlife* at McGill, sponsored in part by the Fur Institute, further polarized the native rights and animal welfare movements.

Two days of seminars and panel discussions between executives of the fur industry, animal welfare organizations and native rights groups frequently broke down into mudslinging, name calling and accusations of a biased chair.

"The said purpose of the conference was for open and constructive dialogue, but the inference was that animal protection organizations have caused substantial damage to native communities in Canada and other countries," said Michael O'Sullivan, Canadian Director of the World Society for the Protection of Animals.

Representatives of native peoples from Canada, Greenland and the US accused the anti-fur movement of racism and of ruining their livelihood.

"It is imperative that we alone are allowed to manage our resources," said Peter Ernerk, President of Keewatin Inuit Association, who decried the "great audacity of the government and animal 'rights' groups who attempt to do so for us."

"Our poverty has been institutionalized to keep civil servants employed," said Mark R. Gordon, President of Québec's Makivik Corporation.

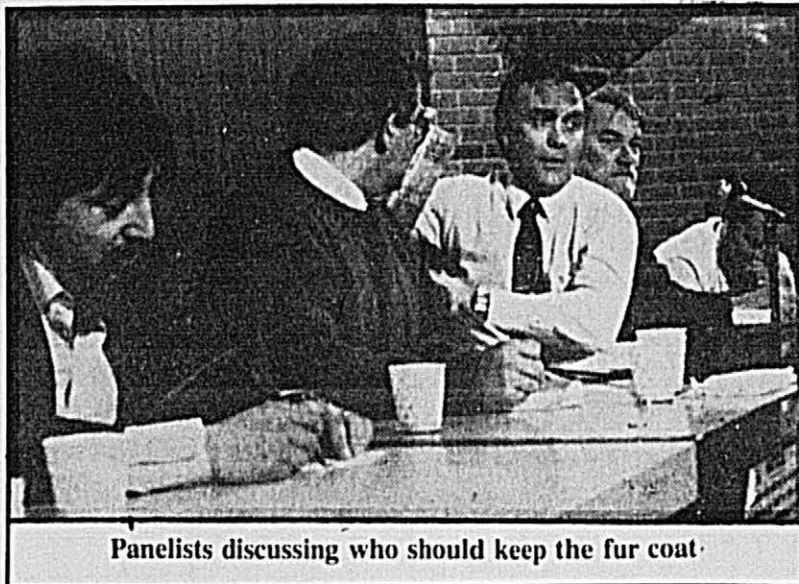
"We are fighting over mining companies, the Alaska pipeline, over government oppressions and church oppressions," and against the animal welfare movement, said Cindy Gilday of Indigenous Survival International.

"We must also work together to protect animals and the habitat from over-exploitation, misuse and pollution," said Marianne Stenbaek of McGill's Centre for Northern Studies and Research.

"The opponents of the industry are not racist," said John Livingston, a professor of environmental studies at York University. "The native return is little more than marginal; yet it is the basis of the fur industry's campaign."

There are only "two native organizations out of 400" which belong to the Montréal Fur Trade, admitted Del Haylock, its Executive Director. Only three out of 500 member groups of the Fur Institute of Canada are native.

Suggestions that the "Industry be turned over to the native people" were ignored along with suggestions to label the native produced pelts.



Panelists discussing who should keep the fur coat.

Haylock also said, "More than two thirds of the garments on the market are from ranches and animals" and not from trapping. The industry described animals as a "harvest", "crop" or "com-

modity," until Livingston said, "Wild furs are not a harvest, they are a kill."

The Fur Trade's slogan is "Fur is for living."

Although almost everyone agreed that more humane trapping methods were necessary, few thought all types of trapping should be abolished.

Anne Doncaster of the Toronto Humane Society called the practices of the fur industry "a double standard of morality," which she termed "speciesism, which is equal to racism or sexism."

"Proponents of the fur industry prefer to dodge issues and paint opponents as zealots who would have us all eat vegetables," said Livingstone.

More bucks for bolts

by Chris Lawson

Engineering students will have the chance to improve their lab equipment and facilities in a referendum in two weeks. The catch? Fifty bucks per semester.

But it's not an official tuition increase. Instead, the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) is presenting students with the option of a self-imposed fee hike.

The idea that has been in effect

at the University of Toronto since 1982. Students pay \$100 per year to their faculty association, which then gives the money to the faculty to upgrade equipment and facilities.

Peter Cherna, VP-External of the EUS likes the proposal. "You'll be a better student if you have better equipment," he said.

While the proposed levy may seem similar to the infamous 'course materials charge', Cherna insists the money collected will actually serve its stated purpose.

The money will be collected as EUS fees and administered by a committee composed of a majority of engineering students.

"That's the difference between this and the Course Materials Charge," he said.

Cherna does not believe the fee will make engineering prohibitive to low income students.

"I realize it's difficult for a lot of students, (to afford) but it's important for the faculty."

The current budget for capital equipment and renovation is \$650,000 per year. The proposal, if implemented, will bring in another \$150,000.

Cherna points out that alumni donations may increase substantially if the proposal is approved. "If the students are chipping in for their education, then alumni will chip in as well."

The proposal will be discussed at a general meeting this Wednesday at 12h00 in McConnell room 204. The question goes to ballot on the 11th and 12th of February.

Student to challenge McGill in court

by Joe Heath

Harvey Litwack, past president of the McGill Association of Continuing Education Students (MACES) is planning to take legal action against McGill following last Wednesday's Senate decision to put MACES into trusteeship.

"I think it's time to take this to court," he said Friday. "I'm going to take a class action suit to court on behalf of all Continuing Education students."

At the Senate meeting, from which Litwack was absent, the motion to put MACES into trusteeship was passed without opposition. Sheila Ettinger, acting president of MACES at the time, explained, "this was not taken as a disciplinary action, it was done in response to a request by MACES for help."

The move was taken after the December 12 MACES executive elections, held at a general meeting. Sheila Sheldon-Collyer, Secretary of Senate said these elections were declared invalid because, "only seven students were present out of 12,000 continuing education students. There was a request from Fiona Clark (Assistant Director of Continuing Education) and Sheila Ettinger to invalidate them."

Ettinger added, "a substantial number of our membership did not get the notices on time because of a delay in mail service. The remaining executive had either graduated or were about to graduate, hence a serious situation arose with regards to who would run the organization."

However, Litwack, who was elected VP Internal in December, claims that the elections were valid, and that he is the only legitimate representative of Continuing Education students. "Sheila (Ettinger) and Terry (Bovaird, MACES senator) have no legal representation in MACES."

But according to Ettinger, "Litwack is the only person at McGill that I know of who feels that way. I don't think he's qualified to speak on behalf of Continuing Education students."

Litwack does not accept the administration's explanation for the move to trusteeship. "The real reason is to keep me, and anyone who wants to be militant, out. Some of us are pressing very hard for an increase in services."

"Continuing education is essentially a cash cow. McGill uses facilities that are already in place," he said.

Ettinger disagrees with Litwack's tactics. "In the past year

the level of services has gone up, and it hasn't required militant measures."

Litwack also claims that the Senate decision was illegal because he, as a MACES Senator, wasn't informed of the meeting.

According to Collyer, "He (Litwack) hasn't been receiving Senate packages since September, when his term as MACES Senator expired. MACES informed me of the names of this year's senators, and mentioned Terry Bovaird, but no mention was made of Litwack."

The Advisory Committee on Trusteeship will run MACES until students can be elected to fill the executive. According to Collyer, the trusteeship will be "as short as possible, one year maximum. I hope it will be over by this summer, so they can carry out an electoral process in the fall."

Ettinger is pleased with the trusteeship. "It was necessary to get a group together with the time and expertise to get a new constitution," she said.

According to Collyer, McGill's comptroller, Stuart Budden, will become the trustee. Three continuing education students have been recommended to the committee by the old MACES executive, Rachel Bilodeau, Terry Bovaird, and Elaine Sequeira.

Residence plan canned

by Stephanie Lachowicz

A proposal that would have limited the number of returning students to residence was defeated by a vote of 5 to 4 at last Monday's meeting of the Senate Committee on University Residences.

During the meeting numerous objections to the proposal were raised.

Maria Shin, President of Douglas Hall, rejected the proposal on the grounds that it did not "give sufficient forewarning to those currently living in residence."

She focused on the attitude of experimentation used in devising the plan. "The fact that people use the word 'experimentation' when referring to the plan indicates that students are being treated as guinea pigs."

Shin was also concerned with preserving the character of Douglas Hall. Douglas consists of 71 per cent returning students. Under the proposal, that per-

centage would have been reduced to 20-25 per cent.

Grace-Ann Baker, Students' Society VP External, abstained from voting on the proposal. She objected to the "convoluted process" that would have been used to implement the proposal.

"This proposal gives the idea that the responsibility (of implementation) is being put in the hands of hall councils. Well, does anybody have any idea of what hall councils actually are?" she said.

Steven Matthews, President of Gardner Hall, questioned the administration's motives behind the proposal. "The problem as I see it is PR related. How can the administration sell McGill?"

The administration has maintained that more residence space is needed in order to attract more scholarship students.

In other business, the Residence Committee introduced the 1987-88 budget, which includes a proposed 3 per cent increase in residence fees.

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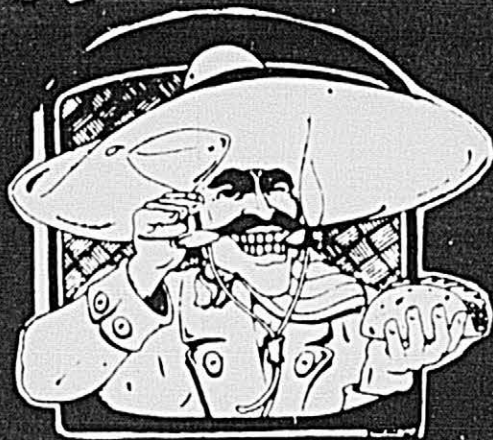
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Council avoids democracy

by Chris Lawson

The Students' Society Internal Nominating Committee (INC) is operating in an anti-democratic fashion, according to some SSMU councillors.

The controversy arose at Tuesday's council meeting after the INC announced the selection of a 'student-at-large' position for the ad-hoc Constitution Committee without having interviewed the applicants.

Peter Nixon, Arts rep. to council, was critical of the INC's action. "I find it kind of weird that they (INC) didn't interview them. Students took the trouble to apply, the least they could do is hear the candidates out," he said.

The committee's task is to screen applicants for appointed Students' Society positions and committees and to recommend them to council.

Lindsay Glassco, who chairs the committee, defended the INC's actions. "There were four applications. We read through them, everyone on the committee knew the applicants." Later she claim-

ed that, "through the applications we could see the qualities desired."

Grace-Ann Baker, VP University Affairs, supported Glassco, saying, "It's normal not to interview students applying because so many do apply, it being impossible to interview all the applicants."

Carlene Gardner, Clubs rep. to council disagreed. "I don't think proper procedure has been followed. I know when 100 people apply it's difficult, but in this case there were only four applications. It would only have taken one hour."

Gardner also challenged the criteria on which the INC based their selection. According to Glassco, INC was looking for "someone to represent students at large who could represent student needs and concerns, and bring a breath of fresh air to the committee, someone with no preconceived political ideas."

But Gardner says the applicants should have been considered according to their experience with constitutions and student government.

"I think it's unlikely that no one else on the committee has no preconceived ideas on the issue. This person could be manipulated easily by the other members," she said.

François Longpré concurred, saying, "I have a lot of problems with the open mind test. Having people with a strong stand on the issue will ensure a strong debate."

Randy Flemmings, Arts Senator, said the INC's action will discourage student participation in council.

"We'll be saying to students, 'If you're really active, if you really want to participate, then we don't want you, we want someone who doesn't know anything, we want someone who we can manipulate.'"

Kevin Davis, who also sits on the committee, said, "I think we considered the people fairly."

Longpré queried, "I wonder how many other times the INC has approached their task in this manner."



Suddenly, Rubberman realized that he had gotten himself into a very precarious position.

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Carleton students hijack governors

by Leigh Bowle

Carleton University anti-apartheid activists held the University's Board of Governors hostage for about three hours last Monday.

The Carleton Action Against Apartheid Group (CAAAG) held a divestment demonstration at Carleton's Board of Governors' meeting, and it turned into an impromptu occupation of the Administration Building.

Nearly 400 students gathered in the lobby to chant, sing, and protest against Carleton's refusal to divest. On a whim, half of the students involved climbed to the sixth floor to sit in on the meeting.

The Board had voted on December 18 to close the issue, but a student society rep. to the board raised the subject in question period. CAAAG had prepared an extensive report for the governors outlining the position of the United Nations and McGill on divestment, as well as the requests for sanctions from the African National Congress, but had not been allowed to speak.

The Chair of the Board stated, "Carleton has no investments in South Africa at the present moment."

The University of Carleton uses the Canada Code of Conduct as a guideline for deciding which companies are involved with South Africa. McGill uses the recommendations of its Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility. McGill's

guidelines include more companies.

According to McGill's guidelines, Carleton still has approximately \$3.5 million invested in South Africa.

The board then acknowledged the need for a policy which would prevent "future investments" in South Africa. The board referred the matter to the Executive Committee. The executive will decide on February 10 "whether or not to re-open the issue."

If the issue were reopened it would become an agenda item at the March 4th board meeting. Students saw this as a delaying tactic and shouted "Divest Now."

The governors then left the room, with the students shouting after them.

But the governors were not able to leave the building — all exits were blocked by students. The students allowed the governors to leave after three hours, when the Chancellor and Chairman of the Board agreed to meet privately with the leaders of CAAAG the next day.

One governor, Dr. Fred Gibson, did not leave the board room and was supportive of the students. He said, "I eventually began to enjoy the dynamics of what was happening."

"I realize that there's a great depth of conviction among the students over this issue," he added.

If it divests, Carleton will be the fourth Canadian university to divest from South Africa after McGill, Dalhousie, and York.



Women's center gets research grant

Daily photo — José Ortega

by Lyndan Warner

Communications Minister Flora MacDonald announced a \$23,000 research contract for the Montréal Women's Centre (MWC) in honour of its 14th anniversary.

"The Information Age is a time when women will come into their own," said MacDonald in her address in Montréal last Friday. "It is a time when brains and not brawn will determine what is important."

MacDonald continued, "We must remember that it is women who are the most affected by the new technologies... They often have negative connotations such as job loss and control by machines. I believe we have to make the machines serve us. Everything depends on how we choose them and how we use them."

Justine Sentenne, President of the Board of Directors of the MWC, said the research project is "designed to produce guidelines for the implementation of technology in any midsize, charitable organizations."

MWC Director Mona Forrest said the research project will allow them "to serve as a model for some 53,000 non-profit organizations in Canada."

"I believe this project is the beginning of our involvement with technology that will

transform the way we work. It will allow us to spend more time with people and less time on paperwork," she said.

Earlier, Forrest explained the problems unique to charitable organizations. "To spend \$1000 (on a computer) and not have it do everything you want — that's a huge expenditure. All charitable organizations in Canada are facing the same problems: budget cuts, lack of staff. One of the solutions is to automate every office function and therefore be able to spend more time with people," she said.

"One of the challenges that face charitable organizations," said Forrest, "is the constant struggle of training volunteers. How are we going to train, place volunteers and keep retraining?"

This is particularly relevant when training volunteers on computer systems, and is one of the subjects of the study. The Women's Centre has 14 full-time staff but has a "firm belief in volunteerism with 400 active volunteers."

The research project will be written up as a report with a specially assigned researcher from the Canadian Workplace Automation Research Centre, Jeannine McNeil of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales. Business partners and the MWC are all contributing.

Minorities resist attacks

by Laura Bush

A recent series of attacks against minorities in the city has prompted the formation of an anti-street violence coalition at Concordia.

The coalition, formed by members of Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) and the Concordia Psychology Students Association (CPSA) held its second meeting on January 21.

The nine people in attendance discussed the recent attacks and whether they might be related. "It seems it's not a group of isolated incidents," said Thomas Burnside, coordinator of LGFC. "There seems to be a pattern in the way it happens. I think that's what makes it different."

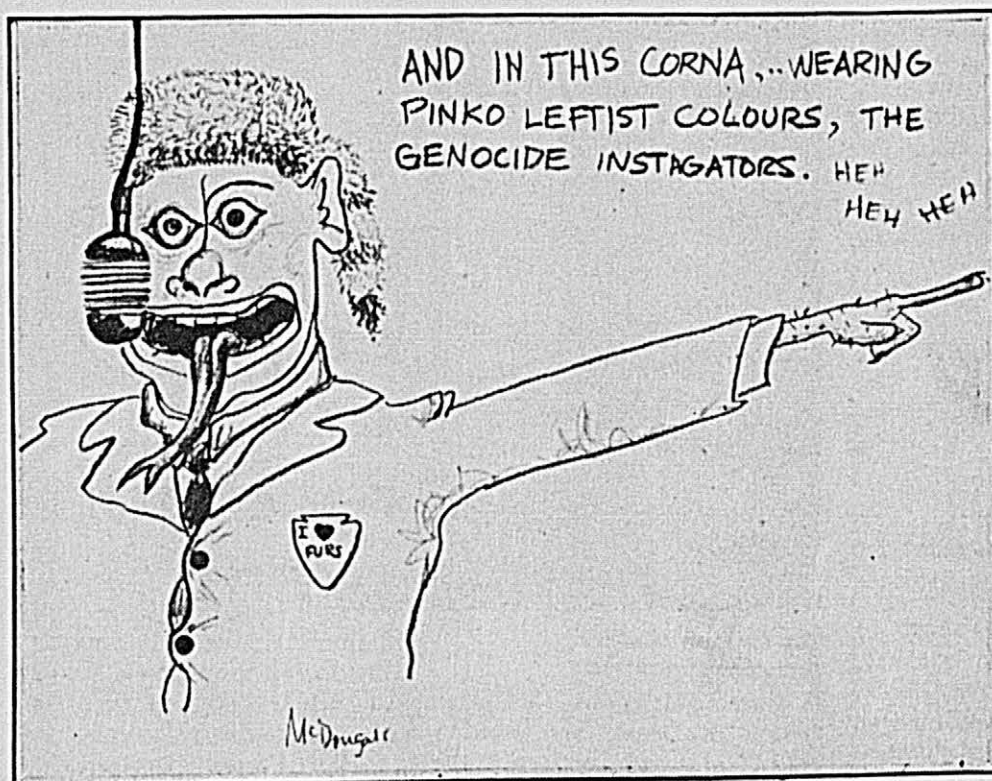
Andrew Schmitz, of CUPA, explained, "They shout insults at you, and then if you respond, they attack."

The first incident occurred late last August, outside the Rising Sun nightclub. The victim required hospitalization. Other events occurred in the same area.

One night in September, three former members of LGFC were walking by the Rising Sun when a man began shouting insults at them. When one of the ex-LGFC members responded, the man attacked him with a stick. A whole group then joined in. One victim received a slight concussion and another suffered cracked ribs.

In another case in early November, the efforts of one witness led to several arrests. When four men attacked a man of colour on the corner of Stanley and Ste. Catherine streets, Richard Burzynski tried to intervene. Realizing he could not do much, he followed the attackers afterwards. When they settled into a bar, he called the police. All

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Fur fiasco

Last week's Arctic Symposium was nothing short of a fiasco. Its sole purpose was apparently to discredit the animal welfare movement and to promote the fur industry at the expense of the native people of the Arctic.

The event was tailored by the Fur Institute to disarm their opponents, while falsely promoting native rights as their primary concern. With the complicity of the admittedly 'non-neutral' Canadian Arctic Resources Committee and a blatantly biased chairperson, it would appear that they were successful.

Members of the fur industry, the native community and proponents of the use of animals for luxury items were notified about the conference well in advance, while few representatives of the anti-fur movement were invited.

The most flagrant show of favouritism was perpetrated by chairperson Peter Jacobs from l'Université de Montréal. Jacobs was clearly a proponent of the fur industry, as evidenced in his rude behaviour towards supporters of animal welfare.

He cut off Anne Doncaster of the Toronto Humane Society before the end of her presentation, but allowed men dressed in seal skins to ramble on about such fascinating topics as the virtues of seal testicles. Jacobs praised questions that pleased him and denigrated those with which he did not concur.

A request by a member of an animal welfare organization to show a three minute trapping film never saw fruition despite repeated promises to the contrary.

It was insulting to witness the ridiculous portrayal of animal welfare organizations by proponents of the fur industry. One man characterized the movement as a bunch of terrorists who liberate Thanksgiving turkeys and want everyone to "eat beans and carrots."

This raises the question of why this conference was convened in the first place. The Chair frequently stifled open communication and the exchange of ideas. One can only conclude that it was a rather transparent attempt on the part of the billion-dollar fur industry to employ divide-and-rule tactics to stifle opposition.

By pitting native rights activists against animal welfare organizations, the fur industry diverts attention from the real issue. Few people questioned the use of oxymorons like "over-exploitation," or "humane trapping." Those who should be seeing through this doublespeak are too busy fighting to resist.

The fur industry relies heavily on financial clout to manipulate those it purports to assist, and the media. Massive advertising contracts ensure that commercial media such as *The Gazette* tactfully ignore the issue.

According to one Montréal TV reporter, an executive of the Fur Trade organization demanded her dismissal after she produced an anti-fur story.

Maybe the anti-fur movement doesn't have all the answers to native welfare, but their stated purpose is to condemn the destruction of animals for luxury use.

A popular anti-fur slogan is "Fur coats: expensive clothing for cheap people." The question remains, can one justify killing millions of animals to appease the egocentric vanity of the rich?

Kristina Stockwood

Joe Heath

letters

Petty ties

To the Daily:

An obvious example of petty politics was evident in the article "Red Ties on the High Seas" (January 19), but the pettiness was completely on the part of Peter Scanlan and not Liberal McGill. His accusations of physical threats, elitism, careerism, and ambition were, and are innuendo, sour grapes and plainly false. In fact, Scanlan, who contributed little to the club in his eight month tenure as treasurer, is partly responsible for the malaise that led to the club having only one speaker and two general meetings in the last three months of the fall semester. I was asked to become President, and acclaimed, to bring the club to its feet again. If Liberal McGill was ever 'closed' it was due to a lack of leadership rather than elitism. Liberal McGill is, in reality, an open club with plenty of opportunity for activity for those who want to make the commitment and take the challenge.

On my part, I hold no animosity towards D. Panopolis, the past president, and never asked him to resign from his position. His resignation, and P. Scanlan's, were merely the result of pressure by the club to either increase their commitment, or leave. They chose the latter option.

Finally, I feel Mr. Scanlan's somewhat misguided opinions (but not his immature behaviour) are a product of a sad cynicism surrounding the established political parties and politics in general (eg. Tory scandals). Liberal-McGill is an autonomous youth club within the Liberal Party. I stress youth because we feel we *can* have a say in the policy and views of the party and do it in a novel and meaningful way. The future is in the youth of Canada. Liberal McGill needs people with ideas and drive, not petty politics. Our next meeting is February 11th. Take the challenge!

Ian Laird

Arts U3, President Liberal McGill

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The OED defines 'cult' as coming from the Latin *cultus*, 'worship', and 'Devotion to a particular person or thing...'. Thus 'cult' means any given type of 'religious' expression of devotion. And thus we may refer (along with the practitioners) to the cult of Roman Catholicism, or for that matter, to any other religious tradition or sect. Or even to the 'cult' of courtly love, or late-night movies. Yet the term has come to have rather exclusive associations, especially within the last twenty years, with various Eastern religious/esoteric systems appearing in the West.

And these connotations sometimes have more of a pejorative sense than not. So to fall within the matrix of the accepted and established loyalties of the Judeo-Christian tradition (in North America and Europe) is OK. But to be a Mormon or a Jehovah Witness (or a Kabbalist or a Gnostic) is not. Nor to be Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist. And often, to be Jewish. That which is of a minority is unfamiliar and thus suspect. Or, if one is 'religious', then members of other traditions (and even sects other than one's own within the same tradition) are often judged to not be on the 'true path'. It is easy to forget that primitive Christianity, for example, was seen to be a small, bizarre, and heretical 'cult', which was either insignificant or dangerous. It took three hundred years to receive official sanction, when it became the 'cult' of the status quo.

As to the 'orange people' who 'transformed a town into a cult haven of sorts, what else did the Jews do the pre-Judaic Jerusalem, the Christians to Rome, the Muslims to Mecca? Dr. Moon's flower-sellers gross millions...what of the millions collected at innumerable services and masses, acquired through the sale of countless mainstream devotional items such as figurines, photos, books, rosaries, and...flowers?

It does seem true that the 'cult' does provide a sense of 'security and fellowship'; and true that the follower's trust may be abused by the unscrupulous leaders. But what of this security? The need for and emotional-social support group (which may be an apt description of a cult) is a basic need for most people. If a religio-cultic matrix does not do the job, then will the family, a loved-one, friends, university, work-

life, politics...parties. We can see the 'cultist' very much as a person as others are: someone relating to the human need for social-group activities. Except, of course, that the cultist's grouping has some sort of religious and/or spiritual ideal- and in an irreligious society, there really is very little appreciation of the sacred. Modern society distrusts and is intolerant of the holy: God is seen as a threat to fun and the dollar bill (though I think that view need not be so).

Concerning cultic members being isolated from the larger society around them, this may indeed be a serious problem, in that the healthy existence of a society surely depends partly upon the interaction of varying points of view, which counteracts trends toward the monopoly of any given value-system or objective which might oppress the individual's need for a certain freedom or latitude.

But being caught up in *any given* social/belief system to the degree that one is actually isolated from one's surrounding society (and the rest of the world) is the rule rather than the exception, and is as much the property of the ivory-towered academician as the raving cult-fanatic. Yet this thing works both ways: we seem to isolate ourselves from other people who appear to retreat from us. And we may bear in mind that the cultist who has, in fact, isolated himself from society, may have very soberly seen what his or her surroundings offer and decided to ask for his money back. Perhaps if there is blame to be assigned, it is at least as much to 'normal people' as to the 'cultist'.

Most would not know a cultist if they saw one. If a characterization of a cult is that it 'will take the devotion of its members and push it to the limit', often manifesting 'an unmistakable fanaticism', we have only to take a good hard look around us, and into history, to realize we would have to reassess this type of categorization. Wall Street, the Inquisition, pogroms, the Crusades, elections, communism, fascism, imperialism, the media...education (even)...we need not single out religion.

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Images of the Chernobyl aftermath

by Mary Ilich

Surrounded by a snowy park in Moscow sits a serene, picturesque building. Inside, victims of perhaps the world's most serious industrial accident were treated for acute radiation exposure.

This is just one of the images captured by Robert Del Tredici, a Montréal photojournalist active in presenting the realities of the nuclear issue.

After the Chernobyl disaster, Del Tredici was determined to capture images of people and places affected. In an interview with *the Daily*, he discussed his recent visit to the Soviet Union, and his impressions of government policy.

In December 1986, Del Tredici was appointed official photographer of the *Great Peace Journey*, and accompanied the group to Moscow.

The Journey was organized by a group of Swedish women and financed by the Swedish government. Representatives from other United Nations countries joined the journey.

Their objective was to visit many UN countries with the intent of posing to world leaders five questions drawn from the UN Charter. The questions required a yes or no answer with pertinent commentary.

Del Tredici was surprised by the welcome they received in Moscow. The Soviet government offered to pay for their stay, and to provide them with tours, entertainment and official gatherings. "We met various officials, women's committees, different government bodies and we were kept quite busy," he said.

He said the turning point came at the general meeting, attended by Sister Rosalie Bertell, a statistician in radiation studies, and recipient of the 1986 Alternate Nobel

When Bertell asked to see the official Soviet report on the Chernobyl accident, Soviet officials refused, telling her the documents were "three feet high." Bertell persisted, but was again refused on the grounds that the documentation was "so big."

Nevertheless, the delegation got a positive response when Soviet officials were asked the five questions from the UN Charter. According to Del Tredici, the women asked the following questions:

- Would the USSR cease the deployment of nuclear weapons if everyone else did?
- Would they agree not to send their soldiers outside their natural boundaries if everyone else did?



Retaining wall around Wackersdorf reprocessing plant

Daily photo — Robert Del Tredici

- Would they help with world hunger if everyone else did?
- Would they cease to use military intervention as a way to settle conflicts if everyone else did?
- Would they try to make sure that the world's resources are shared if everyone else did?

Soviet officials gave an unconditional yes to every question. This may not seem unusual, but as Del Tredici explained, not every country answered yes. Canadian officials, for example, when asked the five questions by the delegation, gave a comment but refused to answer yes or no.

According to Del Tredici, Soviet officials gave the impression that "the Soviet Union clearly believes that nuclear technology is a thing of the past."

"What we've got to do is ease our way out of it as soon as possible. Before Chernobyl, the Soviets never said this. It's a true indication of a shift in their policy, but it's a slow change."

The Great Peace Journey was unable to meet with the Soviet Peace Movement. "But the journey did provide a new outlook for the West," said Del Tredici. "The Soviets are ready to negotiate with the United States regarding the arms race."

After the general meeting, Del Tredici decided to visit the victims of Chernobyl, but bureaucratic red tape prevented him. Before he left Moscow, he managed to track down the hospital on his own — Moscow hospital No. 6 at Novaya Bosmanaya 26. When he got there, he found out from the administration that the victims had been moved to other hospitals throughout the USSR.

Even though his initial mission was to visit the victims, he took a photograph of the hospital where they had been treated, because "the photo of the hospital, I believe has something to say."

Del Tredici was impressed with the Soviet *Account No. 904* program. He explained, "You can go to any bank anywhere in the Soviet Union at any time and deposit money in this account and this money will go to the victims of Chernobyl."

Del Tredici said the Chernobyl accident is far from over. "The attitude of the people is that they don't know the danger of the situation. Some seem to assume it happened and now the problem's gone."

After Moscow, Del Tredici decided to visit Lapland and Southern Germany, two areas hit heavily with radioactive fallout from the accident.

In Lapland, Del Tredici met with the president of a reindeer slaughter house called *Harads*. The President showed him a cesium map of Sweden made after the Chernobyl accident. It indicated various cesium deposits with shades of lavender and purple. According to Del Tredici, he said, "you can see where the deepest purple is — it represents three quarters of Sweden which is heavily contaminated."

"The sad story is that the reindeers are contaminated, yet they will be sold for meat because the government didn't buy them from the slaughter houses. Therefore, they will have to be sold because reindeer meat is the means of livelihood for the people of Lapland. Unfortunately, this contaminated meat will lead to severe health damages now and to future generations."

"In Bavaria, the cesium has contaminated the air, the ground, the hay and the crops. This becomes a vicious cycle. For example, the cows eat the radioactive hay, produce radioactive dairy products, people consume the products, cows eliminate the radioactivity into the fields and then the cesium gets picked up in the next season's crops," he said.

In Bavaria an institute has recently been founded to monitor the contamination as it occurs and reoccurs in the food chain.

Del Tredici spoke to many workers in the region. "A farmer who I met told me he had begun to feed his cattle the hay (the first crop after the Chernobyl disaster). This hay is the most radioactive. Sadly enough, the government hasn't bought that hay, disposed of it and given the farmers

new hay. Instead (the farmers) have to sell it. The farmer I met had set aside clean hay for his family, but the other hay, which is radioactive, he must sell or face bankruptcy," he said.

And he noted that many problems will take longer to develop. "Leukemias are one of the earliest things to show up and they take at least three years to develop. Plenty of people are waiting to see if a whole rash of leukemias start happening in Europe. Nothing has happened yet because it is too early, but doctors and scientists can predict an outbreak of leukemias directly related to radiation emitted from the Chernobyl fallout."

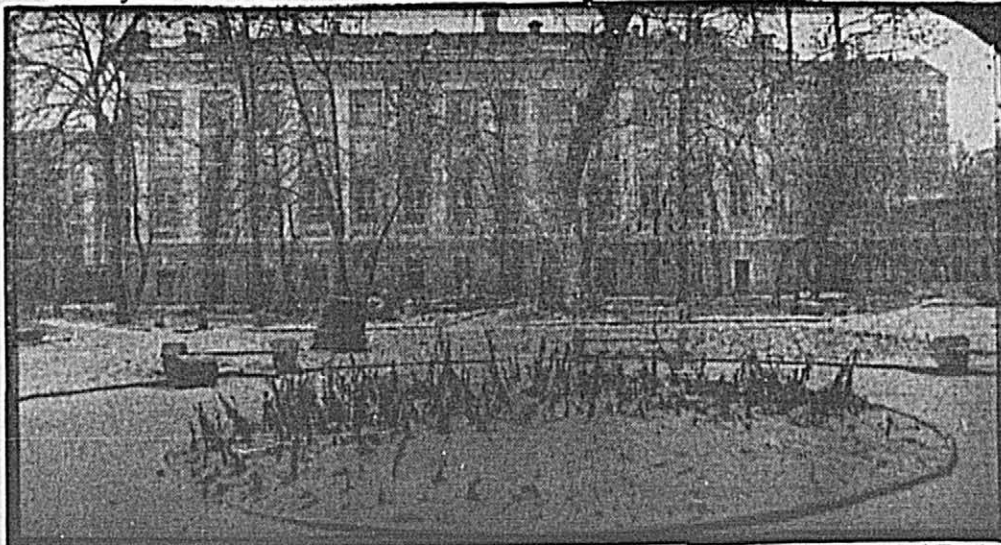
One powerful visual image Del Tredici captured was the site of the Wackersdorf reprocessing plant in West Germany. Once a forest, the huge area was cleared and a \$17 million fence constructed around it.

The purpose of the plant, he explained, is to "take spent fuel from the reactors and extract from it the plutonium that is created when you fire up uranium fuel. This work is the 'dirtiest' nuclear technology in the world. It is very messy because you have to cut up this spent fuel, dissolve it in acid, and then plate out the uranium and plutonium. As a result, lots of gases are emitted and they don't have the technology to contain it."

"A huge protest took place at Wackersdorf. Police used poison gas for the first time in post-war European history to stop a demonstration. One person actually died in the attack from the poison gas. Moreover, in that town, it is actually forbidden to assemble to discuss nuclear issues. This situation I call the tyranny of the atom. I've been to a lot of places, including bomb factories, but I've never felt a feeling of tyranny as I did there."

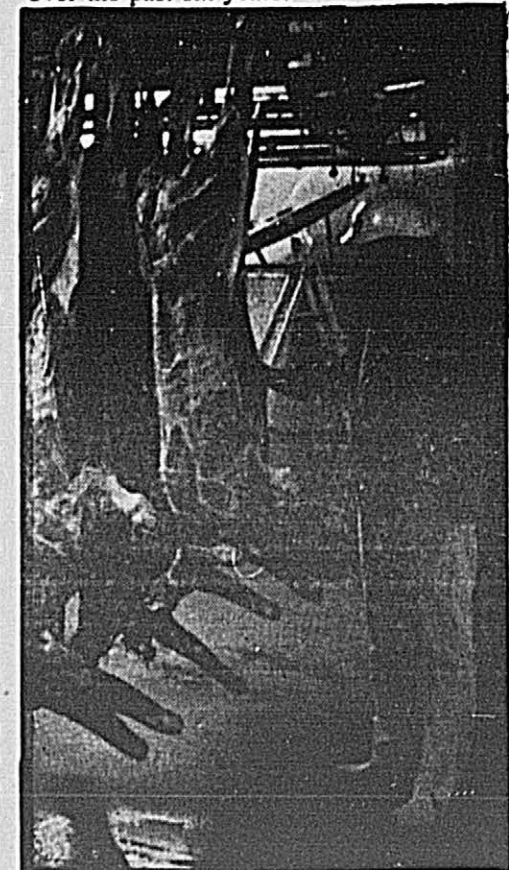
"It looked like a concentration camp especially with that barb wired fence," he said.

Del Tredici's photos represent a visual documentary reflecting the aftermath of Chernobyl. These photos and others can be seen in an open lecture at Concordia University, Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 14h00 in rm. V210 of the Visual Arts Building at Sir George Williams Campus. It will be a slide lecture showing the photos he has taken over the past six years.



The hospital where Chernobyl victims were treated

Daily photo — Robert Del Tredici



Radioactive reindeer. So that's why Rudolf's nose glowed...

Daily photo — Robert Del Tredici

...minorities

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four were arrested. Two of the three who pleaded guilty were minors. A decision has not yet been handed down for the fourth man.

"I was sick after what I saw," said Burzynski. "It was probably the most disgusting thing I've ever seen in my entire life. They were proud of themselves." He contrasted this attitude with an isolated case of someone becoming violent while drunk. "I don't know how anyone could let it go that far, unless they really believed in what they were doing."

One of the arrested men was from Vancouver, and two are rumored to be from Toronto.

"(This) in a roundabout way substantiates my idea that they were not from our city, that they came here with something in mind," said Burnside. "I'd like to know whether these people belong to the National Front."

The National Front is a neo-Nazi group from Britain, with affiliates in New York and Toronto. Such groups have been known to attack members of various minorities, particularly Blacks, Jews, and East Indians.

A similar event occurred in November the Dunkin' Donuts near the Rising Sun nightclub, where a gay man had insults thrown at him. Fortunately, he left quickly and escaped physical violence. "They were saying things that were really vile," said Burnside, a friend of the victim.

Schmitz reported a related incident that occurred in Sphinx last November. A patron wearing an 'Adolf Hitler's European Tour' shirt was approached by the manager, who suggested that it was not proper attire. "Out of

nowhere came at least ten others to protect him," said Allison Brown, also familiar with the case. "According to all the reports they only attack when they outnumber you by two or three people," added Schmitz.

Robert Douglas of *The Link*, Concordia's student newspaper, questioned the police at Station 33, where the four arrested men were taken. "The public relations person was basically verifying that they exist as a group and seem to have some sort of philosophy," he said. In recent interviews, however, nobody at the station would state such a belief.

Various reports indicate that the attackers are 'skinheads', a youth subculture originating in Britain in the early 1960s. They are usually clean-cut, having very short to no hair, Doc Marten boots, and suspenders hanging below the waist. Skinheads are often confused with the less gang-oriented punk hardcores, who also shave their heads.

Burnside sees a general problem of lack of communication between community groups and the authorities. "To my knowledge not much consultation happens," he said. "Certainly the onus is as much on the group itself, but traditionally it seems the police are reticent to have dialogue." Burnside hopes that the coalition might be able to establish some lines of communication.

Members of GALOM, Gays and

Lesbians of McGill, said they had heard about the attacks, but did not know if they were related. They said that in general there is some hostility against gays and lesbians in the city, and some said they had received verbal abuse. Most of them agreed, though, that Montréal is safer than many cities.

"I've never even been called a faggot (here)," said Joe Clark, co-coordinator. "That would happen in a day in Toronto, and probably in three hours in St. Johns." Colin Bailey agreed. "Toronto is really awful," he said.

Nigel Crawhall, however, is wary of overemphasizing the differences between Montréal and

Toronto, and of labelling the attackers as outsiders. "People like to believe that it's the outsiders, that the attackers are not from home. They like to believe that Montréal is not violent."

Eugène Fortin also believes that Montréal is not that safe. "It's scary," he said. "I don't walk on Ste. Catherine between Papineau and the Rising Sun."

Right now the coalition is simply trying to collect more information, and to make people more aware of what has been going on. Their next meeting will be held Monday, February 16, at 6 p.m., at 2020 Mackay, room 205. If you can offer any help or information, please attend, or call 848 7487, or 848 7414.

Confronting the cops

by Michael W. Gordon

At last Thursday's meeting of the Montréal Urban Community's (MUC) Public Safety Commission, members were confronted with charges of police brutality and racism.

During a forty-five minute question and answer period, several members of Montréal's Black community posed tough questions to the seven-member, all-White committee.

"Why is it whenever police arrest a Black person, they (police) tell them to go back to wherever they come from?" asked Jessie Smith, one of the first of the

registered speakers to bring up the subject.

According to Roxanne LaJeunesse, her younger brother has had a gun stuck to his head and is consistently being picked up for questioning, for no apparent reason. "They keep harrassing him, they won't leave him alone. He has done nothing," she said, openly demonstrating her anger. "A lawyer I've met compared the judicial system here to that in the Old South."

Jean Corbeil, the president of the committee, (also the mayor of Anjou) asserted that the Commission operated with the intention that all citizens be treated equally regardless of race, religion, economic status, or for any reason."

He emphasized that the Commission "will make an effort to correct any weakness or faults of police officers", but that they "have to be realistic; mistakes will always be made." Later, outside the meeting-room he said "I don't think that the police are any more racist than the average member of the public."

Robert White, a social worker in the Little Burgundy and Côte des Neiges area for the past nineteen years, asked "What is going to be done to teach police officers not to be racist?" He spoke of his worry that "a recruit coming from outside Montréal has probably never seen a Black man except for Bill Cosby."

The meeting also heard a report from André Tremblay, of the police department's Complaint Examination Committee. The report stated that "The police cannot be above the law. It is important that we be able to identify and punish the originators of these crimes." However, he said "out of two million police interventions, there are only seven to eight hundred complaints lodged. We have to ask ourselves 'Is the problem really that serious?'"

A member of the committee, Marvin Rotrand, a Montréal city councillor, replied that "not many people know about the complaint process and even fewer trust it."

The Commission's meeting was open for the first time to members of the public, as part of the new city administration's 'open-door' policy.

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Amnesty International Urgent Action meeting at 19h00 in Union 410.
Concordia Central America Committee: Veronica Negri speaks on effects of repression on Chilean families at 16h00 in rm 820, 1455 De Maisonneuve W. Call: 848-7410.
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Qualifications: Any member of PGSS in good standing.
Date: February 4, 1987
Nominations: To be done at February 4 Council Meeting

Erratum: contrary to what was stated in Monday's *Daily*, the bulimia video has not yet been produced, which is why funding is needed. The association mentioned is not BANA, but ANAB. By the way, we had a couple of great stories we didn't have enough money, hence room, to publish. Apologies to the writers. Anyone who wants to read them can come by the *Daily* office.

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